

# Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish Henley Beach

On the Traditional Lands of the Kaurua People

4th Sunday of Lent—Year A

19th March 2023



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**Mass Times:** Mon Candlelit Mass 8pm, Tues: 9:15am, Wed: 8:00am, Thurs & Fri: 9:15am,  
Reconciliation Saturday 8:45am – 9:10am

**Sat 9:15am (qualifies as a Sunday Mass); Vigil Saturday 6:00pm; Sunday 9.30am; 5:30pm**

## Coming Up:

### Child Safe Environments Briefing for Volunteers

Wednesday 22nd March  
10:30am—12:00pm

Thursday 23rd March  
6:30pm—8:00pm

### Defibrillator Training

THURSDAY 23rd March at  
10:30am

### menAlive weekend

25th & 26 March 2023

### 2nd Rite Reconciliation

28th March at 7pm

### Dinner Dance

May 27th 7pm

## Readings

### 4th Sunday of Lent

1 Sam: 16: 1, 6 —7, 10—13

Psalm: 22:

Eph: 5: 8—14

Jn: 9: 1—41

### 5th Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12—14

Psalm: 129

Rom: 8: 8—11

Jn: 11: 1—45

## Lent: A Time to Get Rid of the Real-Life Blind Spots



Today's gospel reminds us that it is God Who both gives us proper vision in body as well as in soul and instructs us that we should be constantly on our guard against spiritual blindness. Jesus' giving of sight to a blind man, reported in today's Gospel, teaches us the necessity of our having our spiritual and mental eyes opened by Faith and warns us that those who assume they see the truth are often blind, while those who acknowledge their blindness are given clear vision. In this episode, the most unlikely person, namely the beggar born blind, receives the light of Faith in Jesus, while the religion-oriented, law-educated Pharisees remain spiritually blind. The healing of the blind man, told so dramatically in today's Gospel, brings out the mercy and kindness of Jesus, "the light of the world." Isaiah prophesied, and the Jewish people of that era believed, that when the Messiah came, he would heal blindness and other diseases. Jesus gave to the beggar who was born blind not only his bodily eyesight but also the light of Faith. This story also shows how the stubborn pride and prejudice of the Pharisees prevented them from seeing in the humble "Son of Man" the long-expected Messiah, and that made them incapable of recognizing the miracle. The healed beggar begins by identifying Jesus as "a man." Questioned further by the Pharisees, he declares that the man who healed him is a Prophet. When the parents of the blind man convinced them that their son had been born blind, the Pharisees argued that the healer was a "sinner," because the miracle had been performed on the Sabbath. But the cured man insisted that Jesus, his healer, must be a man from God, and they excommunicated him from Temple worship. When Jesus heard this, He sought and found the man He had healed, and asked him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" the man answered, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" In response to Jesus, "You have seen Him, and the One speaking with you is He," the now-sighted man said, "... 'I do believe, Lord,' and he worshipped Him." Fr. Harrington S.J. comments, "The blind man's progress in spiritual sight reminds us that we need God's grace and revelation to move toward sharper spiritual vision."

The Pharisees suffered from spiritual blindness. They were blind to the Holy Spirit. They had the externals of religion but lacked the spirit of Jesus' love. They were also blind to the suffering and pain right before their eyes.

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They refused to see pain and injustice. There was no compassion in their hearts. In short, they were truly blind both to the Holy Spirit and to the human misery around them. "The blind man's progress in spiritual sight is paralleled by the opponents' descent into spiritual blindness." (Fr. Harrington). Here is a contrast between those who know they are blind and those who claim to see. According to these blind Pharisees, Jesus, by healing the blind man doubly broke the Sabbath law, which forbade works of healing, and also kneading which was involved in making clay of spittle and dust. So, they concluded, "The man who did this cannot be from God, because he does not obey the Sabbath law."

Although the Pharisees have long since disappeared from history, there are still many among us who are blinded by the same pride and prejudice. Spiritual blindness is very common in modern times. Pope Benedict XVI, in his Lenten message of 2011 said: "the miracle of the healing of the blind man is a sign that Christ wants not only to give us sight, but also to open our interior vision, so that our Faith may become ever deeper, and we may recognize Him as our only Saviour. He illuminates all that is dark in life and leads men and women to live as "children of the light".

Let us today as we reflect on this gospel allow Jesus to heal our spiritual blindness. We shall pray for clear vision. Peter Marshall, the former chaplain to the United States Congress used to pray, "Give us clear vision that we may know where to stand and what to stand for, because unless we stand for something, we shall fall for anything." Let us then, pray for the grace to see and experience the presence of a loving and forgiving God that we may always walk in the light of God.



### Weekly Bulletin

If anyone would like the weekly bulletin emailed to them please contact the office at:  
[welcome@henleybeachparish.com.au](mailto:welcome@henleybeachparish.com.au)

### Holy Week Volunteers

This is an invitation to everyone. The roster for Holy Week is on the back table. Whichever ministry you feel comfortable doing whether you have done it before or not PLEASE indicate your willingness to fill this role. Support will be offered to you. Please put your name down on the sheet in the back of the Church.



### Please remember in your prayers this week:

#### Recently Deceased:

Marie Egar, Marie Abbas, Vinny De Tullio, Ursula Guidone, Pat Raven, Trevor Evans, Rosa Salerno, Cardinal George Pell, Fr Peter Fountain, Joan Quinn, Bruna Ferro, Bob Lowe, Carmel Chaplin, Valmai Bendo, Craig Hancock, Mary Connell, Bill Burford, Mischa Brus, Thomas Kennedy (Brother of Sean Kennedy), Dianne Doyle, Robert Dowling, Mary Flynn, Margaret Verstagen, Betty Bravington, Patricia Dinan, Christine Ballinger, Nina Gomez, Gunter Wunderer, Queenie Enniss, Jim Vasileff, Teresa O'Brien, Horace Cassar, Anne Grant

#### Anniversaries:

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#### Sick Parishioners:

Rene Young, Mary Kennedy, Sharon Barber, Brendan Taylor, Gerald (Gerry) Sutton, Rose Oteng, Julie Green, Noel Hocking, Maria Tinus, Brian Barden, Joan Dignan, Brian Fitzgerald, Lola Pedler, Margaret O'Connor, Margaret Kennedy, Robin Franks, Nan Sheridan, Anthony Kennedy, Hazel Wilson.

### LENTE BOOKS

Adelaide Archdiocese Lenten Reflection Book  
 "I have come, that you may have life".

Available at the Back of the Church – Free



Catholic Archdiocese of Wollongong Lenten Program "Triumph"

Available in the Church office - \$6 each

**Water Bottles** - A reminder to please bring back your small change Water Bottles.

4th Sunday of Lent—You can help support a path out of poverty by making a donation through Project Compassion boxes and envelopes, visiting [www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or phoning 1800 024 313.

### PROJECT COMPASSION



You can help to improve the lives of children by making a donation through Project Compassion boxes and envelopes, visiting [www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or phoning 1800 024 413

**Knit & Natter** will meet on Thursday 23rd March from 10am to 12pm in the Conference Room. All welcome



Enquiries: Carmel 83564029

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

## Pastoral Council notices

It is with sadness that Noreen Gaudry has tendered her resignation from the PPC. Noreen has been a valued member of the council for the past 1.5 years. The PPC want to thank and acknowledge her contribution to the parish in this role. Noreen will continue her activities with Fundraising / Social Events. Thank you Noreen.

The PPC announce that the **Live Streaming of mass will discontinue**. We have found it increasingly difficult to facilitate this. New resources are required and a dedicated team of members who can avail themselves with time to set up and follow through. We thank James Kappamankal and all those involved in ensuring this much needed service was provided to our parishioners throughout Covid and up until the end of 2022. Links to live stream services can be found on our website under 'Mass Times' for those who cannot come to the church

**St Michaels College** staff have a morning **mass each Tuesday of school term at 8am**. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend the chapel for mass. Please park on the road and enter the chapel from the Lawrie street Entrance.

Over the next month, we are inviting parishioner who may wish to become involved in a parish activity to contact a group leader. Last week and again this week we invite you to consider being part of the parish **Event / Social Committee**.

This group will work autonomously and report to the PPC each month on its activities. A dinner Dance Fundraiser is scheduled for May 27<sup>th</sup> so this will kick start the group.

Contact Noreen 0410 848 441 [n.gaudry@outlook.com](mailto:n.gaudry@outlook.com); or Tim on [reachtimjackson.com.au](http://reachtimjackson.com.au);

### Hold the Date

May 27<sup>th</sup> 7pm Dinner Dance

### Altar Server recruitment.

Fr Manu will do some training for any children who are interested in becoming an **altar server**. Please see Father after mass.

It would assist if you had your name, phone number, parents name and email address on a slip to hand to him and he can then organise contact with you.

**Photographer** - is there a photographer in our parish that could assist the PPC from time to time, with some project work. Website photos, events etc. Call Dennis Hoiberg 0418 384 619 [dennishoiberg@me.com](mailto:dennishoiberg@me.com)

**Pastoral Council** : Tim Jackson Chairman, 0401 421 864, Dennis Hoiberg 0418 384 619, James Kappamankal 0450 040 170, Peter Speranza 0417 860 587, Sharina Rabusic 0411 520 491

PLEASE  
NOTE...

- There will be **Stations of the Cross** Every **Friday at 7pm** in the Church during lent.

- There will be **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** every **Tuesday at 7pm** in the church during Lent.

### SECURITY REMINDER

We have had some unwelcomed visitors in the church and items are missing from the church. Can everyone assist by ensuring the external doors are locked during the day with just the hall access open during times when no one is in the church.



### South Australian Men's Gathering, Henley Beach Parish March 25-26 2023

#### Register Now!

On the weekend of 25-26 March 2023, Henley Beach Parish is hosting a South Australian men's gathering conducted by menAlive.

menALIVE was founded in 2003 in Queensland by a group of lay men who wanted to do something about the question "Where are all the men?"

One of the cohorts of people missing from the Church are men 25-42 years of age.

Coincidentally we also know that loneliness for men is at its highest 18- 42 – a coincidence? So what menAlive is, is an opportunity for men to come together in a safe space to discuss our faith, share experiences and build lasting relationships.

Henley Beach Parish is fortunate to be able to work with menALIVE to host this state wide men's gathering.

This will be the 3rd menAlive weekend held in the Parish

Men of Henley – please come. The location is the Marine Centre. The fee is \$50 for a fully catered weekend. There are concessions available for those who require it. This weekend will change your life.

There are a few of us down the back should you wish to discuss and to register. Registration forms will also be at the office. For more information about this weekend, contact Dennis Hoiberg on 0418384619



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

## KIDS CORNER

Dear God,



During Lent help me to learn to be patient, with my friends and family.  
I know that you will forgive me when I do something wrong, please Help me to say 'sorry' when I've upset someone else.  
Please help me to forgive other people when they upset me.  
In Jesus name. Amen.



## “Volunteers Required for BAPS Committee

The former BAPS Committee (Building and Property Services) was stood down with the Advent of COVID in February 2020, but there is now a need for it to be re-assembled to tackle the ever increasing list of Parish maintenance tasks.

The role of BAPS can be broadly summarised as follows:-

- Determine and prioritise the list of maintenance works requiring action in the Parish;
- To cost these works and report to the Parish Finance Committee (PFC) for approval of expenditure of funds;
- Then proceed with awarding contracts for these works and supervising the work of contractors; and
- Assist the PFC with preparation of annual budgets and regular reporting on the progress of works and expenditure.

If you have a building or trade background and would like to utilise your skills to assist the Parish as a member of the BAPS Committee / Team, please contact Fr Manu at the Parish Office on Ph 8356 8888 or Email at [parish\\_priest@henleybeachparish.com.au](mailto:parish_priest@henleybeachparish.com.au) or contact Angelo Piovesan on Mob 0401 122 778.”

## DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

ST JOHN'S AMBULANCE representative, Henry Cowell will demonstrate for us how to use the recently installed DEFIBRILLATOR on:

- **THURSDAY 23rd March at 10:30am**  
Anyone who wants to attend is welcome.  
**MANY THANKS.**

## Important Information & Clarification

Since the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse it is an Australian Government regulation that **ALL VOLUNTEERS** working in churches have the following:

- Police Check
- Child Safe Protection Training

Anyone wishing to continue as a VOLUNTEER or take on a ministry role in any capacity of the parish must attend one of these training sessions:

In addition to your National Police Clearance, you are required to attend a Working with Childrens Workshop. This is a 90 minutes session. Two are being held in the Parish. This is also mandatory for Ministers of Holy Communion and all Volunteers who provide service in the parish.

We have a number of people attending and you will receive a reminder via email in the next days, however if you have not put your name down for this training, please do so without delay either at our sessions or at one of the others advertised below.

### Henley Beach Parish

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> March in parish hall 10.30am – 12.00noon.

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> March in parish hall 6.30pm - 8.00pm

Sessions outside of parish. If you are attending one of these, please let the office know about this ASAP.

### Brighton Parish

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 10:30am – 12:00pm

### Croydon Park Parish

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> March 6:30pm – 8:00pm

### Glen Osmond/Parkside

Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> March 6:30pm – 8:00pm

### Adelaide Cathedral Parish – Cathedral Hall

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> April 10:30am – 12:00pm

### Mater Christi Seaton Parish

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm – 8pm

If you have any further questions, please call the office 8356 8888 or Noreen Gaudry who is helping with co ordination 0410848441

### A big thanks to all who attended on the day.

Thank you to the 50 plus Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion who attending training with Fr Manu on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. If you missed this formation training, you should make contact with Fr Manu through the office and organise a time with him to do a catch up. 10-15 minutes, however this is mandatory for Extraordinary ministers of Hoy Communion.